

April 24, 2006; Agenda Item No. 17

Resolution No. 06-32

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY AUTHORIZING A GRANT
OF PROPOSITION 40 FUNDS TO THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION
AUTHORITY FOR PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION OF OVERLOOKS AND INTERPRETIVE
WAYSIDE EXHIBITS ALONG STATE HIGHWAYS 2 AND 39 IN THE ANGELES
NATIONAL FOREST WITHIN THE RIM OF THE VALLEY CORRIDOR
AND UPPER LOS ANGELES RIVER WATERSHED

WHEREAS, Section 5096.650 (b) of the Public Resource Code provides for funding to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for development of land and water resources; and

WHEREAS, Section 5096.605 (c) of the Public Resources Code provides that development includes, but is not limited to, improvement, rehabilitation, restoration, enhancement, preservation, protection, and interpretation; and

WHEREAS, Section 33204.27 (a) of the Public Resources Code provides that the Conservancy may award grants to school districts or other local agencies for any of the purposes for which it may award grants to nonprofit organizations pursuant to subdivision (a) of Section 33204.2; and

WHEREAS, the Angeles Crest Scenic Byway is an important natural and cultural resource of the Los Angeles is critical to the park visitor experience; and

WHEREAS, improvements to overlooks and wayside exhibits will enhance visitor enjoyment and understanding of the land, air and water resources of the Angeles National Forest; and

WHEREAS, The proposed project will be reviewed by the attorney General to verify that it is in compliance with the General Obligation Bond Law; and

WHEREAS, The staff report dated April 24, 2006 further describes the Angeles National Forest Wayside Improvement project; and

WHEREAS, The proposed action is exempt from the environmental impact report provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA); Now

Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy hereby:

1. FINDS that the proposed action is consistent with the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Plan.

2. AUTHORIZES a grant from the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy in the amount not to exceed \$500,000 from Proposition 40 funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for planning and implementation of overlooks and interpretive wayside exhibits along State Highways 2 and 39 in the Angeles National Forest within the Rim of the Valley Corridor and Upper Los Angeles River Watershed.
3. ADOPTS the staff report dated April 24, 2006 for this item.
4. FURTHER AUTHORIZES the Executive Director to execute the grant agreement and to perform any and all acts necessary to carry out this resolution; without limiting the generality of the foregoing, such authority shall include those provisions that he shall determine in the exclusive exercise of his discretion are necessary to carry out the purposes of this resolution and to comply with the policies of the Conservancy, and to otherwise carry out the provisions of state law and regulations.

~ End of Resolution ~

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, duly noticed and held according to law, on the 24th day of April, 2006 at Los Angeles, California.

Dated:

Executive Director